

Dear Padre,

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

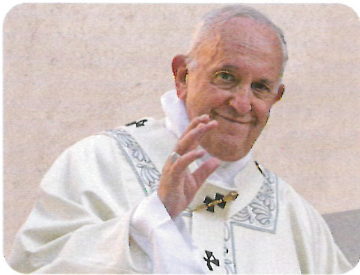
The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 18 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62 Jn 8:1–11	March 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a	March 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95 Jn 8:31–42	March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 17:3–9 Jn 8:51–59	March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 20:10–13 Jn 10:31–42	March 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 37:21–28 Jn 11:45–56	March 24 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16 Is 50:4–7 Phil 2:6–11 Mk 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39
Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin? Since 1964, the Redemptorists' <i>Scrupulous Anonymous</i> free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org .						



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to “see” and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)
Jeremiah 31:31–34 / Hebrews 5:7–9 / John 12:20–33



Learning How to Die

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus “offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears” to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say “yes” to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ●

Reflect

Can you accept the little deaths along the way as preparation for the final passing from this life?



Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

JOHN 12:24

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

ST. JUDE PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Confessions by appointment or after Mass on Thursday

Weekly Thursday Mass – 10:30 a.m., Adoration at 9:00 a.m.

Rosary first Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m. before Mass.

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Mass Intention for today: March 17, 2024: Jim Munn by Deacon & Mrs. Jim Bauer

NEXT SUNDAY, March 24, 2024

READER: Pat Sage

ALTAR SERVERS: Rocky, Alexa, Daisy, Bo, Bella

Mass intention for Thurs., March 21, 2024: William James Perry by Laine Reisch

Mass intention for Sun., March 24, 2024: The People of St. Jude Parish

Weekly Collection Information

<u>Collections:</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Over-(under)</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
March 10, 2024:	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1475.00	\$ 326.00	110
Year to Date:	\$ 67,900.00	\$ 67,462.81	\$ 437.19	4090

The Lord Asks Us to Serve Him, Even Through Trials or Sufferings

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant the Lord will establish with his people. Why was the Lord establishing a new covenant, we might ask: what happened to the old one? As Jeremiah describes, and as we see throughout the Old Testament, the recurring problem was disobedience. The Israelites failed, time and again, to obey the Lord's commandments, rebelling against the Lord, choosing instead to follow the ways of their neighbors, or to live as they choose.

So, the Lord God established a new covenant, one that was established in the blood of Christ, through His sacrifice on the cross. As we hear Jesus say in today's Gospel, this is why He came into the world. *Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.* Here, Jesus is foretelling not just His death, but the kind of death He would undergo. His mission is not just one of suffering, however, but that He might be raised into new life, and through Him, through His resurrection, all might be offered salvation, eternal life.

The path Jesus followed that led to His passion, death, and resurrection was born in obedience to the Father. Jesus' words: *yet what should I say? Father, save me from this hour?* Call to mind His prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, *not what I will but what you will (Mk 14:36b).* His words epitomize the obedience, that willingness to do the Father's will even when it is hard, even when it involves great suffering. It is disobedience that the author of Hebrews highlights is the key to Jesus' sacrifice and imitation of this obedience, the key to our salvation.

But obedience is a difficult pill for us to swallow, especially when that disobedience involves accepting suffering. No one wants to suffer. No one wants to see their loved ones suffer. But none of us will leave this earth without experiencing suffering. Sometimes we suffer as a consequence of our sin -- the times we disobey God and His laws or times when we act imprudently. Other times, we suffer because of the sin of other people. Yet other times, we suffer because we live in a fallen world which includes illness and death of loved ones and calamities such as natural disasters. And some of us will suffer much more than others.

But this suffering doesn't have to be pointless or meaningless. God has the power to use it for his purpose -- to bring about goodness and life through it, as he did with Christ suffering. *What He asks of us is that we remain obedient, that we not rebel and turn away from Him. And to help us do so, Christ nourishes us with His own body and blood, with His very self, that we might grow in his likeness, grow in obedience to God, and remain with Him forever.*

FROM OUR DRE:

No CCD 3/24 and 3/31

No First Communion Prep 4/3

Student led Stations of the Cross will be on March 22nd at 6:30.

All CCD students and their families should plan to attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our last date is Friday, March 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.

We will also have a Soup Supper prior to Stations starting at 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass at 7 p.m. with Adoration until midnight. (March 28)

Good Friday Mass at 3 p.m. Church will open at noon for Adoration. (March 29)

Holy Saturday (March 30)

Decorate church starting at 10 a.m.

Blessing of the Baskets at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil for the Collaborative at St. Mary's in Paw Paw at 9 p.m.

Easter (March 31)

St. Jude Parish, Gobles Mass at **9:00 a.m.**

St. Mary's, Paw Paw Mass at **11:00 a.m.**

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Therese Mieu Tran, Pete Percival, Steve Klein, Garry Adams, Joan Rumery, David Vana, Phil Boyer, Margie Burris, Lillian B. Wheeler, Frances Parsons, Sonny and Mary Laughlin, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark, Vivian Polomcak, and all those on our Prayer Chain.

BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS so that they can be disposed of properly. There is a basket in the hallway for drop off. Thanks!

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN THE PARISH PICNIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – All are invited to join. We will start meeting some time after Easter in April. If you're interested, please contact Lauren or Tammy. We look forward to seeing some new faces!

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of

WILLIS & NANCY ATCHISON

By request of Laine Reisch

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT - EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador, and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit www.csricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH - canned fruit, toilet paper, Kleenex, cereal, peanut butter, pancake mix, syrup. If someone is 60 years of age and over, and their monthly income is \$1580 a month for one person, they can apply to receive CSFP/Senior Commodities each month. If you have any questions, feel free to call 269-501-0224.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FISH FRY – The Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to our annual Fish Dinners on Fridays during Lent. The dinners will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 32373 Red Arrow Highway from 5-7 p.m. You can dine in or take out (269-657-2324), Cash Only. Look for a menu on Paw Paw Now.

FROM THE DIOCESE

CHRISM MASS SET FOR MARCH 26TH AT 2 P.M. AT CATHEDRAL -The annual Diocesan Chrism Mass with Bishop Edward M. Lohse will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 2 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. All are invited to attend.

ORDINATIONS - Please pray for all the men who will be ordained in the coming weeks:

April 13th – Please pray for the 12 men preparing to be ordained by Bishop Lohse as permanent deacons. The Ordination Mass will take place at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo.

May 18 – Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, 10 a.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo.

THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: (844) 324-3374.